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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplementing the amendment of August 6, 2002, applicants submit herewith a marked-up copy and a clean copy of Claims 1-4; and a marked-up copy and a clean copy of the paragraph on page 2, lines 4-11 of the application.

Also, applicants submit a new copy of Claim 11:

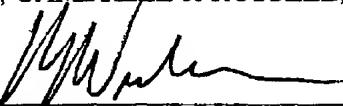
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11. (New) A method of making a dispersion comprising dispersing the hydrophobic, pyrogenically produced silica of Claim 1 in an organic solvent herewith.

Favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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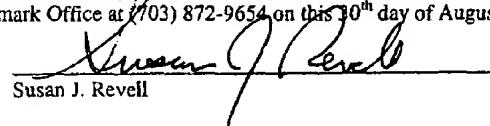
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